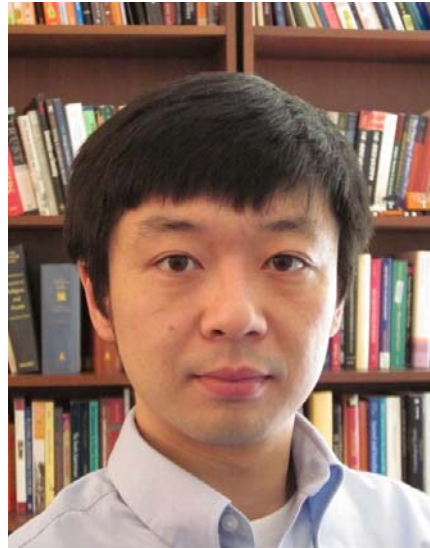


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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2011-Present Guest Professor
 Center for China Studies
 SUNY Buffalo State College, Buffalo, NY
- 2010-Present Adjunct Professor
 Institute for Advanced Studies of Religion
 Renmin University of China, Beijing, China
- 2009-2010 Post-Doctoral Fellow
 Institute for Studies of Religion
 Baylor University, Waco, TX
- 2004-2009 Graduate Research Fellow, Institute for Studies of Religion
 Teaching/Research Assistant, Department of Sociology
 Baylor University, Waco, TX

PRIMARY RESEARCH INTERESTS

Mental Health, Religion, Civil Society, China/East Asia, Immigration, Research Methods, Statistics

EDUCATION

- 2009 CE. Center for Spirituality, Theology, and Health, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina. Mentor: Harold G. Koenig
- 2009 Ph.D. in Sociology, Baylor University, Waco, TX
Dissertation: *Beyond the West: Religion, Conformity, and Subjective Well-Being in Contemporary Chinese Society*. Advisor: Rodney Stark
- 2006 M.A. in Sociology, Baylor University, Waco, TX
Thesis: *Expanding the New Paradigm: Winners & Losers among Exclusive and Nonexclusive Religious Firms in the Chinese and Japanese Communities in the United States, 1850-1945*. Advisor: Rodney Stark
- 2003 M.A. in Communication, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China
- 2000 B.A. in Liberal Arts/Journalism, Xiamen University, Xiamen, China

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- 2012 Liu, Eric Y., Harold G. Koenig, and Dedong Wei. "Discovering a Blissful Island: Religious Involvement and Personal Happiness in Taiwan." *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*, in print
- 2012 Zhang, Jie, and Eric Y. Liu. "Confucianism and Youth Suicide in Rural China." *Review of Religious Research*, forthcoming
- 2011 Stark, Rodney, and Eric Y. Liu. "The Religious Awakening in China." *Review of Religious Research* 52(3):282-289.
- 2011 Liu, Eric Y., Scott Schieman, and Sung Joon Jang. "Religiousness, Spirituality, and Psychological Distress in Taiwan." *Review of Religious Research*, in print
- 2011 Liu, Eric Y. "Religion and Voting in Transitional China." *Journal of Social Science of Religion*, forthcoming
- 2010 Liu, Eric Y., and F. Carson Mencken. "Fatalistic Voluntarism and Life Happiness in Post-Socialist China." *Sociological Spectrum*, 30(3): 270-288.
- 2010 Liu, Eric Y. "Are Risk-Taking Persons Less Religious? Risk Preference, Religious Affiliation and Religious Participation in Taiwan." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 49(1): 172-178.
- 2009 Liu, Eric Y. "Beyond the West: Religiosity and the Sense of Mastery in Modern Taiwan." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 48(4):774-788.

Book Chapters in Edited Volumes

- 2011 Liu, Eric Y. "Religion and Mental Health in China." Pp.141-174 in *Toward a Sociological Theory of Religion and Health*, edited by Antony Blasi, Leiden & Boston: Brill Academic Publishers.

Book Reviews

- 2009 Liu, Eric Y. "Sacred Assemblies and Civic Engagement: How Religion Matters for America's Newest Immigrants." by Fred Kniss and Paul David Numrich *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review* 70:1.

Other Publications

- 2010 Liu, Eric Y., and Jie Zhang. "American Sociological Association and American Sociological Review." *Chinese Social Sciences Newspaper* January 2nd (in Chinese)
- 2009 Liu, Eric Y. "Religious Minorities." in Greene, Helen Taylor and Shaun L. Gabbidon (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Race and Crime*, 708-710. Sage Publications: London.
- 2009 Liu, Eric Y. Translation "The Complexities of Comparative Research." by Rodney Stark in *Journal of Peking University(Philosophy and Social Sciences)* 4: 75-81.
- 2008 Liu, Eric Y. "Religious Beliefs, Religiosity, and the Sense of Mastery in Modern China." *Conference Proceedings of the Peking Summit on Chinese Spirituality and Society* 2: 257-278, Peking University Press.
- 2008 Liu, Eric Y. "Chinese Exclusion Act." in Schaefer, Richard (Ed.) *Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Society*, 289-291. Sage Publications: London.

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

- Liu, Eric Y., Harold G. Koenig. "Measuring Intrinsic Religiosity: Scales for Use in Mental Health Studies in China." *Mental Health, Religion and Culture*, under review
- Liu, Eric Y. "Winners & Losers among Exclusive and Nonexclusive Religious Firms in the Chinese and Japanese Immigrant Communities in the Pre-War United States." *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*, Revise and resubmit
- Liu, Eric Y., and Edward C. Polson. "The Colors of Fear: A Multilevel Analysis of the Fear of Crime across Houston Area Neighborhoods."

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Liu, Eric Y., Fenggang Yang, and F. Carson Mencken. "Religion and Social Trust in China."
- Liu, Eric Y. "Religious Determinants of Secular Giving in Taiwan."

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2010-Present Co-Investigator, "Provision of Public Goods and Services and Spirituality in Rural China." RMB 240,000 (around \$35,000) – *National Science Foundation of China*, No. 70973132 (with Dedong Wei, Renmin University, Principal Investigator)
- 2009-Present Research Fellow, Center for China Studies at SUNY Buffalo State College, Buffalo, NY, "Suicide in China." – *National Institute of Mental Health* R01 MH068560
- 2004-2010 Graduate/Postdoctoral Research Fellow "The Survey of Spiritual Life Study of Chinese Residents." \$1,730,000 – *John M. Templeton Foundation*
- 2004-2005 Graduate Research Assistant to Robert Woodberry, The University of Texas at Austin, TX, "Project on Religion and Economic Change." \$500,000 – funded through *Metanexus Institute* by the *John M. Templeton Foundation*
- 2004-2005 Student Investigator, "Mapping Buddhism in Austin—A Sociological Analysis of the Asian Immigrant Religion." \$1,200 – *The Pluralism Project at Harvard University*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Instructor, Research Methods, Renmin University, Beijing, China, 2011
- Mathematics Lab Tutor, Calculus I and Social Statistics, Mathematics Department, McLennan Community College, 2008 (Fall)
- Teaching Assistant, Social Statistics Lab, Baylor University, 2007 (Fall)
- Teaching Assistant, Criminology, Baylor University, 2006 (Spring)
- Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Sociology, Baylor University, 2004 (Fall)-2005 (Fall)
- Teaching Assistant, Introduction to International Communication, The University of Texas at Austin, 2003 (Fall)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2010 Liu, Eric Y. "Religiosity and Volunteering in Taiwan: Empirical Evidence from an Eastern Society." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, August, 2010
- 2010 Liu, Eric Y. "Religiosity and Volunteering in Taiwan: Empirical Evidence from an Eastern Society." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Baltimore, MD, October, 2010
- 2009 Liu, Eric Y., Fenggang Yang, and F. Carson Mencken. "Religion and Social Trust in Post-Socialist China." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Denver, CO, October, 2009
- 2009 Liu, Eric Y., Scott Schieman, and Sung Joon Jang. "Religiosity and Psychological Distress in Taiwan." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Denver, CO, October, 2009
- 2009 Liu, Eric Y. "Fatalistic Voluntarism and Life Satisfaction in Post-socialist China." Paper presented at the annual meeting of American Sociological Association, Section on Sociology of Religion / Sociology of Religion Roundtables, San Francisco, CA, August, 2009
- 2009 Liu, Eric Y. "Does Religion Have the Individual Level Effect? Risk Preference and Religiosity in Taiwan." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture in Arlington, VA, April, 2009
- 2008 Liu, Eric Y. "State Regulation and the Sense of Fatalism in Socialist China." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Louisville, KY, October, 2008
- 2008 Liu, Eric Y. "Religious Beliefs, Religiosity, and the Sense of Mastery in Modern China." Paper presented at the Peking Summit on Chinese Spirituality and Society in Beijing, China, October, 2008
- 2008 Liu, Eric Y. "The World Atlas of Religion." Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Sociological Association in Las Vegas, NV, March, 2008
- 2007 Liu, Eric Y. and Edward C. Polson "Ethnic Heterogeneity and Fear of Crime: A Multilevel Analysis of Neighborhoods in the Greater Houston Area." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Sociological Association in Albuquerque, NM, March, 2007
- 2005 Liu, Eric Y. "Gender and Religious Organization: An Ethnographic Study of Austin Buddhism." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society in Washington, DC, March, 2005
- 2004 Liu, Eric Y. "Mapping Buddhist Austin: A Sociological Analysis of Immigrant Religious Organizations." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Kansas City, MO,

October, 2004

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2011 Invited lecture on Confucianism and Suicide in the Center for China Studies at The State University of New York Buffalo State College, in Buffalo, September, 2011
- 2010 Invited lecture series on the social scientific study of religion at Renmin University, in Beijing, China, December, 2010
- 2010 Convener of the session: "Religion and Psychological Well-Being." at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Baltimore, MD, October, 2010
- 2010 Invited lecture on multiple imputation techniques, Department of Sociology, Baylor University, April 13, 2010
- 2009 Convener of two sessions: "Religion in Asia- I." and "Religiosity and Coping with Stress and Distress." at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Denver, CO, October, 2009
- 2009 Awarded participant, Summer Research Workshop on Spirituality and Health, Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC, August 17-21, 2009
- 2009 Participant, Teaching Workshop Series at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in San Francisco, CA, August, 2009
- 2009 Invited speaker, the Sino-U.S.-European Summer Institute for the Scientific Study of Religion at Renmin University in Beijing, China, July, 2009
- 2009 Panelist, panel for the Survey of Spiritual Life Study of Chinese Residents, in Waco, TX, June 15- 21, 2009
- 2008 Invited simultaneous interpreter for the Peking Summit on Chinese Spirituality and Society at Peking University, in Beijing, China, October, 2008
- 2008 Invited consecutive interpreter, the Sino-U.S.-European Summer Institute for the Scientific Study of Religion at Renmin University, in Beijing, China, July, 2008
- 2007 Invited simultaneous interpreter, the International Symposium of the Social Scientific Study of Religion at Shanghai University, in Shanghai, China, July, 2007
- 2006 Panelist, panel for the Survey of Spiritual Life Study of Chinese Residents, in Waco, TX, October, 2006

Article reviewer for Social Forces, Sociological Perspectives, Sociological Forum, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion, Sociology of Religion, Journal of Social Science of Religion (Chinese-English Bilingual Journal), OMEGA: The Journal of Death and Dying

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2011-current NIMH research fellowship, SUNY Buffalo State College, Buffalo, NY
- 2009 August Templeton Scholarship (\$1,100), Research Workshop on Spirituality and Health, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC
- 2007 March Outstanding Doctoral Student Paper Award, Southwestern Sociological Association
- 2006-2009 Baylor University Graduate School Scholarship, 2006 (Fall)-2009 (Spring)
- 2004-2008 Graduate Fellowship, Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion, 2004 (Fall)-2008 (Winter)

- 2004-2009 Baylor University Graduate Student Travel Awards, 2004 (Fall)-2009 (Spring)
- 2004-2005 Harvard Pluralism Project Student Research Grant

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Sociological Association; Southern Sociological Association; Southwestern Social Science Association; Society for the Scientific Study of Religion; Association for the Sociology of Religion; Religious Research Association

SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Certified SAS9 Advanced Programmer, certified SAS9 Base Programmer
- Advanced research software packages: Hierarchical Linear Modeling (HLM), Geographic Information Systems (GIS), the GeoDa Analysis Software, JMP, SPSS
- Languages: English (fluent), Chinese (native), Japanese (beginning)

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES

- Invited speaker, Rapport Academy Public School, Waco, TX, 2009
- Invited speaker, Cesar Chavez Middle, Waco, TX, 2007

SELECTED MEDIA INTERVIEWS

ABC News (April, 2001), Austin American Statesman (March, 2009)

REFERENCES

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